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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) An odor-reducing woven or knit fabric comprising a polyester fiber and an acetate fiber having blended therein an antimicrobial agent, wherein the acetate fiber is at least about 25% by weight of the fabric, and the polyester and acetate fibers are entwined.

16. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 15 wherein the antimicrobial agent is Triclosan.

17. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 15 wherein the polyester fiber is semi dull.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 15 wherein the polyester and acetate fibers are air entangled.

20. (Currently Amended) An odor-reducing garment comprising the odor-reducing fabric of claim 15 or 29.

21. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing garment of claim 20 wherein the odor-reducing garment is an odor-reducing hunting garment.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Previously Presented) An odor-reducing fabric created by the process of knitting or weaving a polyester fiber and an acetate fiber having blended therein an antimicrobial agent, wherein the acetate fiber is at least about 25% by weight of the fabric, and the polyester and acetate fibers are entwined.

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24. (Previously Presented) An odor-reducing garment comprising the odor-reducing fabric of claim 23.

25. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing woven or knit fabric of claim 15, wherein the fabric reduces odors by about 33% or more when compared to a non-odor reducing fabric.

26. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 23, wherein the fabric reduces odors by about 33% or more when compared to a non-odor reducing fabric.

27. (Previously Presented) An odor-reducing woven or knit fabric wherein the fabric reduces odors by about 33% or more when compared to a non-odor reducing fabric, comprising a polyester fiber and an acetate fiber having blended therein an antimicrobial agent, wherein the acetate fiber is at least about 25% by weight of the fabric, and the polyester and acetate fibers are entwined.

28. (Previously Presented) An odor-reducing fabric wherein the fabric reduces odors by about 33% or more when compared to a non-odor reducing fabric, created by the process of knitting or weaving a polyester fiber and an acetate fiber having blended therein an antimicrobial agent, wherein the acetate fiber is at least about 25% by weight of the fabric, and the polyester and acetate fibers are entwined.

29. (Currently Amended) The odor reducing fabric of claim 15, wherein the polyester fiber is of about 70-300 denier and the acetate fiber are not microfibers.

30. (Currently Amended) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 25, wherein the polyester fiber is of about 70-300 denier and the acetate fiber are not microfibers.

31. (Currently Amended) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 26, wherein the polyester fiber is of about 70-300 denier and the acetate fiber are not microfibers.

32. (Currently Amended) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 27, wherein the polyester fiber is of about 70-300 denier and the acetate fiber are not microfibers.

33. (Currently Amended) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 28, wherein the polyester fiber is of about 70-300 denier and the acetate fiber are not microfibers.

34. (Currently Amended) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 15, wherein the polyester fiber and the acetate fiber are entwined by air-entanglement and the resulting combination is woven or knit into the odor-reducing fabrics such that the resulting combination comprises only acetate fibers around a polyester fiber core.

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35. (Previously Presented) The odor-reducing fabric of claim 15, wherein the acetate fiber having blended therein an anti-microbial is effective as an anti-microbial after 200 industrial washings.